

1. A method for providing a personal page on a computer system accessible to  
2 a plurality of remote users through a computer network, comprising the steps of:  
3     a) prompting a page-creating remote user with a plurality of page templates  
4 for the personal page and receiving a template selection from the remote user;  
5     b) prompting the page-creating remote user to enter text to the personal  
6 page and receiving entered text from the remote user;  
7     c) prompting the page-creating remote user to select or enter graphical  
8 information to display on the personal page and receiving the selection or entry  
9 from the remote user;  
10     d) storing attributes representing each selection or entry made by the page-  
11 creating remote user in one or more databases;  
12     e) providing the page-creating remote user with means to input security  
13 parameters for the personal page, the security parameters specifying authorization  
14 of remote users to access the personal page;  
15     f) storing the security parameters in one or more databases; and  
16     g) displaying the personal page upon request to page-viewing remote users  
17 who are authorized to access the personal page.

1     2. The method of claim 1, wherein each page template is stored as a plurality  
2 of rows in one or more databases on the computer system.

1     3. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one row for each page template  
2 provides the overall layout of the personal page.

1     4. The method of claim 3, wherein at least one row for each page template  
2 corresponds to a field in the page template for receiving a remote user selection or  
3 entry.

1     5. The method of claim 4, wherein the attributes stored in one or more  
2 databases are each stored in a row corresponding to a field in the page template.

1       6. The method of claim 4, wherein the graphics attribute stored represents the  
2 location of the graphics file selected or entered by the remote user.

1       7. The method of claim 3, wherein the row corresponding to the overall layout  
2 of the page template includes HTML code describing the page template layout.

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1       8. The method of claim 7, wherein the personal page is displayed to an  
2 authorized page-viewing remote user by retrieving the rows in one or more  
3 databases corresponding to the page template, retrieving the rows in one or more  
4 databases corresponding to the attributes representing selections or entries by the  
5 page-creating user, and graphically displaying the page-creating user's selections  
6 and entries using the HTML code describing the page template layout.

1       9. The method of claim 1, wherein only graphics having a smaller storage size  
2 than a predetermined storage size may be entered by a user.

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1       10. A method of providing a personal page on a computer system accessible to a  
2 plurality of remote users through the Internet, comprising the steps of:

- 3       a) providing a page-creating remote user with a plurality of page  
4 templates for selection for the personal page;
- 5       b) providing the page-creating remote user with a means for contributing  
6 text to the personal page;
- 7       c) providing the page-creating remote user with a means for contributing  
8 graphics to the personal page;
- 9       d) providing the page-creating remote user with a means for entering  
10 security attributes to the personal page; and
- 11      e) displaying the personal page to authorized page-viewing remote users.

1       11. The method of claim 10, wherein each page template is stored as a plurality

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2 of rows in one or more databases on the local computer network.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein at least one row for each page template  
2 provides the overall layout of the personal page.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein attributes representing page-creating  
2 remote user contributions to the personal page are stored in one or more databases,  
3 each attribute stored in a row corresponding to a field in the page template.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the row corresponding to the overall  
2 layout of the personal page includes HTML code describing the overall layout.

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1 14. The method of claim 14, wherein the personal page is displayed to an  
2 authorized page-viewing remote user by retrieving the rows in one or more  
3 databases corresponding to the page template, retrieving the rows in one or more  
4 databases corresponding to the attributes representing selections or entries by the  
5 page-creating user, and graphically displaying the page-creating user's selections  
6 and entries using the HTML code describing the page template layout.

1 16. An apparatus for providing a personal page on a computer system accessible  
2 to a plurality of remote users through a computer network, comprising:

3 a) means for providing a page-creating remote user with a plurality of pre-  
4 stored page templates for selection for the personal page;  
5 b) means for the page-creating remote user to contribute text to the personal  
6 page;  
7 c) means for the page-creating remote user to contribute graphics to the  
8 personal page;  
9 d) means for the page-creating remote user to enter security attributes to the  
10 personal page; and  
11 e) means for displaying the personal page to authorized page-viewing  
12 remote users.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein each pre-stored page template is stored  
2 as a plurality of rows in the one or more databases on the local computer network.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein at least one row corresponding to each  
2 page template provides the overall layout of the page template.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein attributes representing remote user  
2 selection and contributions to the personal page are stored in one or more  
3 databases, each attribute stored in a row corresponding to a field in the page  
4 template.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the means for displaying the personal  
2 page to an authorized page-viewing remote user includes retrieving the rows in one  
3 or more databases corresponding to the user selected page template, retrieving the  
4 rows in one or more databases corresponding to the attributes representing  
5 selections or entries by the page-creating user, and graphically displaying the page-  
6 creating user's selections and entries using the page template layout.

1 21. A computer program product comprising:

2 a) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
3 prompt a page-creating remote user with a plurality of page templates for  
4 displaying personal information and to receive a template selection from the remote  
5 user;

6 b) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
7 prompt the page-creating remote user to enter text to the personal page and to  
8 receive entered text from the remote user;

9 c) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
10 prompt the page-creating remote user to select or enter graphical information to  
11 display on the personal page and to receive the selection or entry from the remote  
12 user;

13 d) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
14 store attributes representing each selection or entry made by the page-creating  
15 remote user in one or more databases;

16 e) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
17 provide the page-creating remote user with means to input security parameters for  
18 the personal page, the security parameters specifying authorization of remote users  
19 to access the personal page;

20 f) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
21 store the security parameters in one or more databases; and

22 g) a computer useable medium having computer readable program code to  
23 display the personal page to page-viewing remote users who are authorized to  
24 access the personal page.

1 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the computer readable program code to  
2 display the personal page to an authorized page-viewing remote user includes  
3 computer readable program code to retrieve the attributes representing selections or  
4 entries by the page-creating user, and graphically displaying the page-creating

5 user's selections and entries using the selected page template.

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